

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 11. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claims 1-7 (previously canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): [[An]] A method for forming an optical element forming method, comprising the steps of:

forming on a substrate a multilayer film composed of alternating layers of high refractive index material and low refractive index material; ~~on a substrate to control a~~
irradiating the resulting element and detecting phase and [[an]] amplitude of emerging
rays[[,]]; and

adjusting a wavefront phase of the emerging rays by cutting away a portion of a surface thereby roughening the surface of the multilayer film in accordance with an amount of adjustment of the wavefront phase.

Claim 9 (original): An optical element forming method according to claim 8, wherein the multilayer film is formed in a number of cycles larger than that necessary to saturate a reflectance.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An optical element forming method according to claim 8, wherein cutting-away of the multilayer film is controlled by detecting a difference between a plurality of materials that forms the multilayer film.

Claim 11 (currently amended): An optical element forming method, comprising the steps of:

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forming on a substrate a multilayer film composed of alternating layers of high
refractive index material and low refractive index material ~~on a substrate~~ in a number of cycles
larger than that necessary to saturate a reflectance[[,]]; ~~further~~

forming a correction film on the multilayer film[[,]];

irradiating the resulting element and detecting emerging rays; and

cutting away a portion of a surface thereby roughening the surface of the correction film
or the correction film and the multilayer film in accordance with an amount of adjustment of a
wavefront phase of emerging rays.

Claims 12-27 (previously canceled)

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